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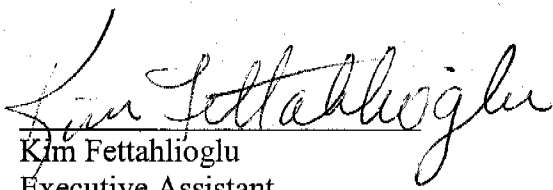
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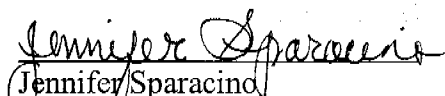
FROM: Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Council Offices

SUBJECT: Correspondence received regarding the proposed 49ers Football Stadium

From Nov 11, 2006 through Jan 9, 2007, the Mayor & Council Offices have received 5 resident messages for and 14 resident messages against the proposal of a new 49ers Football stadium in the City of Santa Clara.


Kim Fettahlioglu
Executive Assistant
Mayor and Council Offices

APPROVED:


Jennifer Sparacino
City Manager

Documents Related to this Report:
1) Communications from residents

From: JC Rowen <jcrowensanjosestate@yahoo.com>
To: <mayor&council@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>
Date: 1/9/07 9:33AM
Subject: The overwhelming support of the public with respect to the 49ers coming to Santa Clara is due to the

The overwhelming support of the public with respect to the 49ers coming to Santa Clara is due to the tireless effort of Mayor Patricia Mahan to lead the city well as an enlightened and visionary trustee of the city's business. It is to the credit of the city management and the mayor as well as the city council that the public is so satisfied with all city services.

James Rowen

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<jsparacino@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>, <jpatel@mercurynews.com>

From: "Gerald Harrison" <gerald@act-rite.com>
To: <MayorandCouncil@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>
Date: 11/25/06 8:45PM
Subject: SF 49ers proposal

Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Gerald Harrison. This email is regarding the San Francisco 49ers intention on moving from San Francisco to the city of Santa Clara. While I do believe the move would give the city a great deal of national exposure as well as the revenue it would generate through jobs of building and maintaining the facility, it is the location that gives me the greatest cause for concern. I do not believe anyone has thought of the worst-case scenario for this location. The worst-case scenario being this: It is Sunday in late September and the 49ers are hosting another team. At the same time the Great America Amusement Park is in full swing. At the same time, there is a big convention at the Santa Clara Convention Center. What if the convention lets out the same time as the football game? In addition, a significant amount of patrons leave Great America while the other two events are letting out. Neither Tasman Drive nor Lafayette St. was ever designed to handle the amount of pedestrian or automobile traffic that this plan would subject it to. This would lead to traffic congestion (both auto and pedestrian) on a level that would equal rush hour in the financial district in downtown San Francisco on a normal business day. Such traffic would severely impact the quality of life the residents of the surrounding area (of which I am one of them) enjoy. What I propose is not to cancel the deal, but move the stadium to a different location. The location I propose is Yerba Buena Rd between Lafayette St and Great America Parkway. This location would ideal for numerous reasons: First, Great America Parkway is a six lane road that has direct access to U.S. Highway 101 as well as State Route 237. Second, there are no Santa Clara residential neighborhoods that would be impacted as severely as the current proposed site would. Third, those who chose to use light-rail to attend their event, the city could partner with VTA and use them as a shuttle service. I believe if the city would consider my proposal and chose to implement it the city would win by getting the exposure they want as well as the quality of life the residents deserve. Thus this proposal would create a WIN-WIN for all parties concerned.

Regards,

Gerald Harrison

From: Kim Fettahlioglu
To: Kim Fettahlioglu
Date: 11/16/06 4:40PM
Caller: Santa Clara resident

☒ Telephoned
☐ Will call again
☐ Wants to see you
☐ Urgent

☐ Please call
☐ Returned your call
☐ Came to see you

I received a call on Tuesday, Nov. 14th from a Santa Clara resident regarding the 49ers. He said we can build a better ball park here. Why does SF say they can't use the SF name?

From: Kim Fettahlioglu
To: Kim Fettahlioglu
Date: 11/13/06 11:05AM
Subject: call received RE: 49ers

I received a call today from a Santa Clara resident expressing his frustration with Diane Feinstein stating that she will never let the 49ers leave San Francisco. He called her office to complain that she represents all of California and not just San Francisco and felt he did not get a good response. He called the Mayor and Council office to let us know.

he left no name

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From: "Monica Siguenza" <msiguenza@msn.com>
To: <MayorandCouncil@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>
Date: 11/9/06 11:53AM
Subject: New Stadium for SF 49ers

Dear Mayor Mahan and City Council Members:

I have to admit, having been a Santa Clara resident since 1972, this is my first correspondence with your office. First of all, thanks for all your hard work to make our city the great place that it is.

At this time I am writing to express my strong support for bringing the SF 49ers to Santa Clara. I hope you will do all that is necessary to bring the team to Santa Clara and to keep them from leaving the Bay Area. I watched the news conference today with Dr. York and the other representatives and I believe they have a sound vision for the stadium. The city of Santa Clara, along with the 49ers Faithful, will all benefit if the stadium is built here. Please do all you can to make this project come to its fruition.

Thanks for your time, and of course, GO NINERS!

Regards,

Monica Siguenza
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: <nylizbethb@aol.com>
To: <jsparacino@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>, <pmahan@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>
Date: 1/9/07 8:51AM
Subject: Santa Clara not ready for the 49ers

Dear City Manager & Madam Mayor,
As a Santa Clara resident, I stand firmly against allowing the 49ers to build their massive stadium in Santa Clara. We do not need more traffic, congestion and trash on the roads. Until the 49ers are willing to pay for the long-term maintenance & upkeep the massive traffic will cause to our already struggling roadways/infrastructure, I am against this move. Moreover, will the 49ers pay a fair share to bring BART to Santa Clara? If and when they are then, we can talk.

Elisabeth Broderick


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From: lyle c gillison <lylecg@juno.com>
To: <MayorandCouncil@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>
Date: 1/9/07 1:23PM
Subject: 49 er presentation

Mayor and City Council

I have enjoyed sports and have participated as a youngster growing up in Wyoming. However, considering the financial state of the nation and the state of California, I am opposed to any subsidy of professional teams.

The overpayment for professional athletes is mind boggling to the general public. Any kind of public subsidies should be illegal. I would hope the 49er's would pay their own way 100% or not at all. I believe that team owners could pay any salary they want to pay as long as it does is not a subsidy by offsetting team expenses via city resources.

Please give this e mail to each council member.

Lyle C. Gillison
Santa Clara resident for 40 years.

From: "Joan" <jctomlinson@comcast.net>
To: <MayorandCouncil@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>, <Clerk@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>
Date: 1/8/07 5:04PM
Subject: Potential major league ballpark on North side of Santa Clara

Hello,

I would like to register my concern about and my objection to a major league ballpark in the Great America parking lot area. We are already plagued by the SJ airport noise, which has gotten worse over past few years, and by the Great America noise. The thought of a ballpark and all that it entails is of grave concern.

I am concerned about: the noise, the traffic, the decrease in property values, the cost to the community and I am sure there are other reasons that I have not even thought of yet.

From what I am reading it sounds like Santa Clara is willing to 'give away the store', so to speak, in order to get a ballpark in here; although I hope that that is not the case. I, for one, do not wish to subsidize any ballpark and I hereby register my opposition to a ballpark in the North side of Santa Clara.

Thank you for your consideration,
Joan C. Tomlinson

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

January 8, 2007

The Mayor and Council offices received a call from a SC resident, Marty Salmon who lives on [REDACTED]. He has been a Santa Clara resident since 1952. He is against the 49ers coming to Santa Clara.

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From: "Johney Johney" <uni_rule@hotmail.com>
To: <MayorandCouncil@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>
Date: 1/8/07 7:41PM
Subject: NO to the 49ers!!!!

Please please please think about what you people are getting yourselves into. Can you imagine bringing the 49ers to Santa Clara?? It will be absolute chaos! Lets keep the peaceful city that we already have and not change it by bringing hundreds of thousands of people to our city! I've lived here my whole life and work in the silicon valley. This change will only create problems in our city. It will attract more of the HOMELESS to the area, MORE GANGS, MORE VIOLENCE!! Mayor, please think hard about this. Dont let our precious city suffer from this decision.

Best regards.

The MSN Entertainment Guide to Golden Globes is here. Get all the scoop.
<http://tv.msn.com/tv/globes2007/?icid=nctagline2>

From: "Mark Maloney" <mark_maloney@ieee.org>
To: <MayorandCouncil@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>
Date: 1/5/07 4:37PM
Subject: NO to Prop. 49ers

Greetings,

I would like to state that I certainly hope that the city of Santa Clara is not giving serious thought to bringing the San Francisco 49ers down to our region. There seems little benefit to bringing the team here, and huge a huge downside, namely traffic and parking. The proposed plan to have the city own the stadium squarely places the financial burden and future upkeep on the city and surrounding neighborhoods whether or not the 49ers choose to stay in the long run. Don't give in to the glamour and glory they will try and sell you on; professional sports have no value in a societal context. This would be a bad move for the community at large.

Best Regards,

Mark

From: "Donald P. Buchanan" <dbuch981@msn.com>
To: <MayorandCouncil@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>
Date: 11/30/06 11:04AM
Subject: Funds Already Spent on 49ers ?

In today's front page SF Chronicle an article indicated that Santa Clara City Assistant Manager Garrett had for a number of years already spent substantial city time and money in attempting to gain approval for a 49er stadium relocation.

This appears to be in direct conflict with public statements and those posted on your own web site. (See highlighted portion below especially!)

This activity appears to be at variance with any city council decisions or public input on the subject and is beginning to look like the problems the city of San Jose had recently with their Mayor Gonzales.

Kindly clarify why the City of Santa Clara decided to suddenly and secretly respond to such an obvious competitive ploy by the owners of the 49ers long before getting approval from the city council.

San Francisco 49ers Proposal for a Football Stadium in the City of Santa Clara

The San Francisco 49ers have announced that they would like to build a football stadium in the City of Santa Clara on part of the parking lot of Great America theme park, at 5000 Great America Parkway, just south of Tasman Blvd.

Like the land underneath the theme park, the parking lot is owned by the City of Santa Clara. The parking lot is under contract to Great America for parking that the City is required to provide to them, to accommodate the busiest of theme park days.

The 49ers made an announcement on November 9, 2006 <http://49ers.com/pressbox/news_detail.php?PRKey=2514> that they would be focusing their efforts on Santa Clara in their quest for a new football stadium, rather than on San Francisco. Many reports about this announcement have appeared in local, regional and national news. However, no formal proposal has been provided to the City of Santa Clara, written or otherwise, that describes what the 49ers stadium plan would entail, that addresses potential impacts on City infrastructure, that describes how the stadium would be financed, etc.

If the 49ers submit a proposal to the City of Santa Clara, as they have stated is their intention, the City Council would then make a decision about having discussions with the 49ers about this issue over the next few months, to obtain more detail, determine how to proceed, and to develop a timetable for discussions.

Donald Buchanan
dbuch981@msn.com <<mailto:dbuch981@msn.com>>
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CC: <Manager@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>, "Miles Barber" <scweekly2004@yahoo.com>

From: Kim Fettahlioglu
To: Kim Fettahlioglu
Date: 11/15/06 3:06PM
Caller: James Curylo
Company: resident

☒ Telephoned
☐ Will call again
☐ Wants to see you
☐ Urgent

☐ Please call
☐ Returned your call
☐ Came to see you

Called to give his concerns regarding the 49ers football team coming to Santa Clara. He is a 25 year resident and currently lives on the North side of LaFayette and as with the July 3rd fireworks event, he is concerned about traffic.

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From: "j. hogle" <jjhogle@yahoo.com>
To: <jyork@niners.nfl.com>
Date: 11/14/06 11:59AM
Subject: Objection by citizen to a Santa Clara stadium for the 49ers (or any other professional team)

Dear John York:

I want you to be aware that I, my wife, and all the people that we know in the city of Santa Clara object to and will organize against a stadium for the 49ers or any other sports team in our city. There are several reasons:

The priorities of this city, as all cities, should be the assurance and improvement of the quality of lives of its citizens. Expending any money for sports entertainment takes away from this. These priorities should particularly focus on the education of the children (and adults) and the welfare of the poor, the elderly, and the homeless. Expending any money on sports entertainment takes away from this. The infrastructure of the city, particularly as its community diversifies, enlarges, and attracts more high-technology firms, needs to be improved. Expending any money for sports entertainment takes away from this. The high-technology character of the city, a city with one of the highest concentrations of leading-edge companies in the world, should be the image of the city, not one with a sports-entertainment center hosting a team that does not even want to take the name of the city. (What if it were the New York Giants in San Francisco, the Brooklyn Dodgers in Los

Angeles?) The possible location of a stadium at the back-end parking lot of Great America would be great, great disservice to tens of thousands of workers in the area as well as the thousands of students at Mission College. Many of these workers and students go to and from their workplaces or the college at the times that games would start and end. We are not on an only-8-5-work/school regimen in Silicon Valley. So, be aware that mindless sports entertainment is not the priority of this community, and all those who have higher community goals will vigorously oppose a stadium for any commercial sports in the city of Santa Clara.

Cheers,

John Hogle & Erlinda Estrada
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

CC: Santa Clara City Clerk <clerk@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>

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Date: 11/14/06 8:00AM
Subject: WHAT ABOUT PAC BELL PARK?

if candlestick can be used for multiple purposes, why can't pac bell park?...the spot in santa clara by

marriott's is just as close to the bay as candlestick, so what's the difference?...why not just move the 49ers to pac bell park?...

From: Kevin Bracken <ksbasking@sbcglobal.net>
To: <MayorandCouncil@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>
Date: 11/13/06 7:15PM
Subject: 49ers in Santa Clara

Please do not allow the 49ers football team into Santa Clara. I live North of 101 and am worried about the additional traffic and noise and pollution.

Warm Regards,
Kevin Bracken

~~100-555-1234~~

From: Bryan Patterson <iloveorange@earthlink.net>
To: <MayorandCouncil@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>
Date: 11/12/06 9:50PM
Subject: 49ers in Santa Clara

Hello Mayor and Council,

I think you have been doing a great job running the city of Santa Clara. I think of it as an all American city with a hometown feel.

I want you to know that I am very against having a 49er stadium built here. Doesn't something like that have to be approved by the voters?

Please reply to my email?

Bryan Patterson

From: Monica Bennett <monicaabennett@yahoo.com>
To: <MayorandCouncil@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>
Date: 11/10/06 10:15AM
Subject: San Francisco 49ers potentially moving to Santa Clara - a homeowners concerns

Hello,

I am a resident of Santa Clara and the Lake Santa Clara Homeowners Association, which is located behind Great America in the Agnew / Lake Shore area.

I recently heard that the San Francisco 49ers are considering moving to Santa Clara and that the stadium would be built in the Great America area. The potential location of this stadium greatly concerns me as I feel as a homeowner I already deal with a lot of noise issues as a result of Great America, the railroad, and the airport. I'm concerned that this stadium will only bring additional noise to the area.

I'm also concerned that it will bring a great deal more traffic congestion and the possibility of more crime. My other concern is that this could have a negative impact on the value of our home.

I would like to know the exact location where you are considering building this stadium?
If this deal goes through, when are you anticipating the stadium to be completed?

Do you have statistics of what happened to home values in other areas that built a stadium in the neighborhood?

Will you be putting this out to the people of Santa Clara for a vote?

Is this topic on one of the city council meeting agendas and if so when?

I look forward to your prompt reply.

Thank you,
Monica A. Bennett
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Everyone is raving about the all-new Yahoo! Mail beta.

CC: <mbenentt@idc.com>

From: "brian chiang" <brian.chiang@am.necel.com>
To: <MayorandCouncil@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>
Date: 11/9/06 1:59PM
Subject: Football team possibly coming to Santa Clara?

I just read in the SJ Mercury News, with great trepidation, that the San Francisco football team may eventually come to Santa Clara.

Please tell me this is not so. Residents do not want "big-city" sports here, wasting our tax money on them instead of more important things to benefit our city.

I certainly hope Santa Clara residents get the opportunity to voice their opinions in a vote of some sort.

Thank you

-- Brian Chiang



distributed at meeting

Elaine K. Alquist

CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR, 13TH DISTRICT: *The Heart of Silicon Valley*

Representing San Jose, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Mountain View and Gilroy

January 8, 2007

Honorable Patricia Mahan
Mayor, City of Santa Clara
1500 Warburton Ave
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Re: New Stadium for the San Francisco 49ers in the City of Santa Clara

Dear Mayor Mahan and Members of the City Council:

I am writing to express my strong and unqualified support for the San Francisco 49ers and the City of Santa Clara to work together to explore the opportunity for the development of a new 49er stadium in the City of Santa Clara. With the San Francisco 49ers being a Bay Area jewel for 60 years, I am heartened to know that they are committed to staying in the Bay Area and would like to continue their championship legacy and commitment to their Northern California fans.

I know that you, your colleagues, and the City staff will work diligently to bring such an illustrious franchise to the city of Santa Clara and to the South Bay. As a Santa Clara resident, I can extol the many advantages our City offers as a location for the new 49er stadium not only because the 49ers have had their headquarters and training facilities here for twenty years but also because of the many transportation advantages it offers over other locales.

Given the broad local and regional support for the 49ers to move to Santa Clara, I would encourage the City and the 49ers to come to an agreement satisfying the pre-established "guiding principles" so that the new stadium can be built.

Please also know that I will vehemently oppose any state-level legislation that would inhibit the 49ers from exploring this opportunity, or prohibit the 49ers from moving to Santa Clara. As Santa Clara's state Senator, I will continue to support and provide any assistance needed by the City or the 49ers in facilitating this agreement. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Elaine Alquist
Senator, 13th Senate District
Representing the Heart of Silicon Valley

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January 9, 2007

Honorable Patricia Mahan
Mayor
City of Santa Clara
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Mayor Mahan and Members of the City Council:

On behalf of the San Jose Sports Authority Board of Directors, we support your efforts to keep the 49ers in the Bay Area and oppose pending legislation SB 49.

It is our shared goal to work to keep all of "our" teams in the Bay Area as well as attracting new sports opportunities. Legislation that makes doing business difficult in the Bay Area, in our region or anywhere in the state is not in the best interest of our collective community.

It is important that the 49ers, a valuable regional asset, stay in the Bay Area and we, as a Bay Area community, remember that our city boundaries are only artificial.

In order to continue to have a rich, diverse and thriving sports community in San Jose and throughout the Bay Area, we want to create an environment where our teams and sports thrive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Fazzino".

Gary Fazzino
Chairman, San Jose Sports Authority